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SUBJECT : MCMULLEN CLAIM AGAINST DUBAI DRYDOCK CORP.

FOR NEA/ARP - AHERNE

AMBASSADOR PURSUED MCMULLEN CASE WITH MAHDI TAJIR IN DUBAI JANUARY 31. HE GAVE TAJIR GIST OF FOUR AREAS IN WHICH MCMULLEN BELIEVES HE HAD VALID CLAIMS, BUT NOT TEXT OF MCMULLEN'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR. TAJIR REACTION TO THESE POINTS VARIED FROM LUKE-WARM TO COLD. HE DID HOWEVER SAY HE WAS PREPARED MEET WITH MCMULLEN AND DISCUSS ALL CLAIMS, BUT WARNED HE WOULD DO SO ONLY IF MCMULLEN BROUGHT FULL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT THEM. AMBASSADOR CONVEYED THIS, PLUS FLAVOR OF CONVERSATION, TO MCMULLEN BY TELEPHONE FEBRUARY 2. WE WILL TRY TO SET UP MEETING BETWEEN TWO EITHER IN DUBAI OR LONDON SOMETIME SOON, AFTER WHICH WE PROPOSE TO GET OUT OF THE WAY AND LET TWO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH EACH OTHER. AMBASSADOR PASSED ON PERSONAL/ADVICE TO MCMULLEN TO GO EASY IN CATEGORIES 3 AND 4 LEST HE QUEER SOMEWHAT BETTER PROSPECTS GETTING REASONABLE SETTLEMENT UNDER CATEGORIES 1 AND 2. STERNER

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